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**HENDERSON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG
TRAFFICKING AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **WAYLON BUTLER**, age 20, of 701 Cherry Street, Henderson, Kentucky, **pled guilty** to drug trafficking and possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$2,050,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 4 years.

Butler admitted that from in and about July 2005 until about January 18, 2006, he and a co-defendant, whose trial has been set for June 5, 2007, in Owensboro, conspired to distribute approximately five grams or more of "crack" cocaine. Crack cocaine has a street value of \$100 per gram in Kentucky.

On January 18, 2006, a cooperating informant purchased approximately five grams of "crack" from someone at Apartment #32, 701 Cherry Street in Henderson, Kentucky. Later that day, a search warrant was executed at that same residence and drug scales, more suspected "crack" cocaine and a .380 caliber pistol were discovered. **Butler** was arrested in the house and his co-defendant fled the scene.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin, and

it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Butler is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on June 27, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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